

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: December 08, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Lincoln Plowman
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 662, 2004 - approves an increase of \$315,650 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (County General Fund) to fund the cost of prisoner beds at Jail II (CCA), funded by a inter-local agreement between the Marion County Prosecutor and the Marion Superior Court which dedicates increased traffic fines to the County General Fund to pay for jail beds at CCA

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

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The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, December 08, 2004. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, Steve Talley. Absent was Scott Schneider.

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Major Ron Chappel, Marion County Sheriff Department, stated that this is a request for \$315,650 to be put into the MCSD budget to pay the final bill of the Community Corrections of America (CCA) for 2004. These funds are in the court's budget and come from the increase in the fines for moving violations.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if this funding was for the last quarter of the year or just for the month of November. Major Chappel said that it would be for the bill in November. He stated that every bill in November completes the 12-month cycle. The December bill is the first bill to be paid out of the budget for 2005.

Councillor McWhirter asked if the \$315,650 would take care of the total amount needed to pay for the 2004 billing cycle. Major Chappel answered in the affirmative and stated that the sheriff's department already has \$857,000 and the additional funding would take care of the billing cycle in 2004.

Dan Jones, Deputy Auditor, stated the budget is short due to a reconfiguration of the floor space in CCA, which caused the number of jail beds to go from 942 to 992 beds. This is the reason why there is a request for additional funding for CCA.

Councillor Franklin asked when the increased fines for moving violations were increased. Mr. Jones stated that the increase occurred January 01, 2004.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 662, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated that there would be a proposal presented on Monday, December 13, 2004 to the full Council concerning a \$70,000 transfer from the Public Defender Agency to the courts to pay for contractual attorneys. She said that the rules would be suspended on the floor during the Council meeting on Monday night.

Mr. Jones stated that the Public Defender did not fulfilling their case requirements this past summer, and the juvenile court assigned contractual attorneys to cases that were outstanding. The budget was subsequently increased for the contractual attorneys to provide for the services for six months at the juvenile court. The actual staffing did not occur for the first five months of the year, so there was a surplus in the public defender's salary budget. Mr. Jones stated that public defender would use this \$70,000 to reimburse the courts for their payment to the contractual attorneys. He said these funds would not have any affect on the fund balance since this money that has already been appropriated.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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